September Term 1795.

Judgment as rendered in the aforegoing action on the 16th day September Anno Domini 1795. To Penalty & Costs to be released on the payment of Principal, Interest & Costs. Stay of Execution till next Court —

James Earle Jun. Clk.

George Jackson
George Vansant Mann
& William Thomas
against
Richard Keene

The defendant, by his Attorney implorated the State's writ of Habeas Corpus, which issues in manner & form following, to wit: "The State of Maryland, To the Justices and Sheriff of Queen Anne's County, Greeting. We command you that you have the Body of Richard Keene is detained in the prison of your said County, under the custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain George Jackson, George Vansant Mann & William Thomas of a plea of Debt, which said plea as it is said, still depends before you, our said Justices, undetermined; and we being willing, for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid, should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court; therefore we command you that you have the body of the said Richard Keene, by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with the cause of his caption, and detention and all things therunto pertaining, before the Judges of our General Court, to be held, for the Eastern Shore of this State, at Easton in Talbot County, at the Court-house in the same County, the second Tuesday of September next, that our said Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein, as to justice appertains, and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you there and there this Writ. Witness the honourable Samuel Chase Esquire, chief judge of our said Court, the 8th day of April Anno Domini 1794.

Issued the 20th day of May Anno Domini 1794 (Ff.) James Earle Jun. Clk."

At which said second Tuesday of September, Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety four, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, the Justices & Sheriff of Queen Anne County, &c, in compliance with the exigence of the said Writ, made return thereof, together with the following Record, to wit:

"On the Records of Proceedings of Queen Ann's County Court among other things, is contained the following, to wit:

S. George Jackson & Co. 2. 2d 85:13:0 Cur. Money

vs. } Be it remembered that on the third day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and ninety two

Ry. Richard Keene } Writ was given to the Sheriff of Queen Ann's County to take the body of Richard Keene late of Queen Anne's County, if he should be found in his Bailiwick so that he might have his body before the Justices of the then next County Court, to be held at Chester Mills, in the County aforesaid, on the second monday of the then next ensuing to answer unto George Jackson, William Thomas & George Vansant Mann of a plea that he render unto them the sum of Eighty five pounds thirteen shillings which he owes & unjustly detains &c. & further

And now here at this day to wit, the Second Monday in November in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & ninety two, comes the Plaintiffs by their Attorney aforesaid, to wit James Scott & the Sheriff of Queen Ann's County being called upon makes return of the aforesaid Writ in these words, to wit: "Ex. Rob. O'Bryan Shff." And afterwards at a certain time, to wit the first day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & ninety two, (further) Command was given unto the Sheriff of Queen Ann's County to take the body of Richard Keene late

of Queen Ann's County, if he should be found in his Bailiwick so that he might have his body before the Justices of the then next County Court to be held at Chester Mills in the County aforesaid, on the third monday in May then next ensuing to answer unto George Jackson, William Thomas & George Vansant Mann, of a plea that he render unto them the sum of Eighty five pounds thirteen shillings current Money which he owes and unjustly detains &c. & further. And whereupon the said George Jackson, George Vansant Mann & William Thomas by James Scott their Attorney say that whereas the said Richard Keene on the first day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & ninety two at the County aforesaid, by his certain Writing obligatory with his Seal sealed & to the Court here shown, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said George Jackson George Vansant Mann & William Thomas in the aforesaid sum of Eighty five pounds thirteen shillings Current Money to be paid to the said George Jackson, George Vansant Mann & William Thomas when he should be thereunto afterwards required. Nevertheless the said Richard altho often required the aforesaid sum of Eighty five pounds thirteen Current Money to the said George Jackson, George Vansant Mann & William Thomas hath not paid, but the same to them or either of them to pay he hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said George Jackson, George Vansant Mann & William Thomas fifty pounds Current Money & therefore they bring suit &c. Jas. Scott Atty. for the Pltff. Pledges &c. { John Doe, Richard Roe —

And now here at this day to wit, the third Monday of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three, comes the Plaintiffs by their Attorney aforesaid, to wit, James Scott, & the Sheriff of Queen Ann's County being called makes return of the aforesaid Writ in these words, to wit: "Exqui. Rob. O'Bryan Sheriff." Whereupon at the prayer of the Plaintiffs by their Attorney aforesaid, bail being called, William Kerney of Queen Ann's County, Farmer comes into Court, in his proper person and offered himself to undertake as Pledge and Bail for Richard Keene the Defendant in the premises. To which said Bail the Plaintiffs by their Counsel objected. But by the rule and order of the Court William Kerney aforesaid in open Court taking the Oath in such case made & provided. The Court thereupon order that his Bail be admitted, who thereupon undertakes and becomes Pledge and Bail for the said Richard Keene, that if it should happen that the said Richard Keene at the suit of the said George Jackson, George Vansant Mann & William Thomas in the plea aforesaid should be convicted then the said William Kerney doth grant as well the Debt aforesaid as all such damages costs and Charges which to the aforesaid George Jackson, George Vansant Mann, & William Thomas in that part should be adjudged of his Land & chattels, to be made and to and for the use of the said George Jackson, George Vansant Mann & William Thomas to be levied if the said Richard Keene the Debt & Damages, costs and Charges aforesaid, to the same George Jackson, George Vansant Mann & William Thomas shall not pay or himself to the prison and Custody of the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County aforesaid on this occasion render. Whereupon the Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid prays leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is also given to the Plaintiffs aforesaid and they had it and so forth. At which same time, to wit, the second Monday in November in the year seventeen hundred and ninety three, come again the Parties by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the Defendant by his Attorney prays leave further to imparle hereunto until the next Court, and he had it, and the same day is given likewise to the Plaintiffs, who also had it and so forth. At which same time, to wit, the third Monday in May in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety four, come again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid,